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OPEC to discuss special aid fund
VIENNA, Jan. 19 (R). — Finance experts from oil-exporting nations began preparations today for a finance ministers' conference to be held in Vienna in late February. The main purpose of the conference will be to expand the operations of a special aid fund set up last year by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) officials said. The OPEC finance ministers will decide priorities for allocation of the \$1.6 billion fund, based on petrodollars contributed by OPEC members for Third World development aid.

Egyptian demonstrators defy curfew; 30 reported killed, 400 injured

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (Agencies). — Egyptian demonstrators defied an official curfew tonight and ran riot against President Anwar Sadat's government after a day of bloody street battles. Unofficial counts put the death toll in Cairo and Alexandria at about 30 with some 400 injured and hundreds of demonstrators arrested over commodity price increases. Demonstrations in other Egyptian cities were reported. President Sadat's government blamed the Communists for the trouble; but announced a suspension of the price increases on such basic items as sugar, rice, petrol and the gas cylinders used by millions of Egyptians for cooking in their homes. Heavy fighting in the Cairo suburbs of Shubra and Bab Al Sha'ra was raging despite the suspension of the price increases after rioting built up in the capital and in Egypt's second city. The Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, Dr. Abdul Mun'em Qaisuni, today submitted his resignation but it was rejected by Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem, the official Middle East News Agency said. Dr. Qaisuni heads the economic group in the cabinet that worked out the price increases. Night clubs, cinemas, big cars and large buildings were prime targets for the rioters. Three hours after the curfew according to local reports, two night clubs on the Road of the Pyramid outside Cairo were burned down. Damage from the savage riots was expected to run into millions of Egyptian pounds. The mass circulation Al Akhbar newspaper, which supported the increases in an editorial, was sacked by the demonstrators. The loss in burnt newsprint was estimated at \$1 million. Airport officials said incoming planes were being allowed to land in Cairo but no planes were being allowed to leave during the curfew hours. President Sadat, faced with the sudden violence of the last two days' demonstrations, is still trapped by the economic conditions imposed by international financing sources which prompted the troubles in the first place. The years of war have left Egypt powerless to develop without loans from the International Monetary Fund, the United States and Saudi Arabia, yet such credit has obviously to be tied to the internal economic programme of which the price increases announced Monday, were a part. It appeared now that the government had underestimated the popular reaction to the increases.

Allon: Hardline Israeli attitude will bring imposed solution

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (R). — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon today attacked critics who do not want Israel to make any territorial compromises in the occupied West Bank as part of peace moves. "A rigid position of 'not a single inch' is a sure way to isolate Israel from all its friends in the world..." he said in the Knesset. Such a stand could pave the way for a settlement imposed from without which he described as the worst of all possible solutions. Referring to critics who believed that Arab attitudes towards Israel had hardened, Mr. Allon said there were any number of facts which did not fit this picture. He referred to the recent statement by Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Ja'abari, the former Mayor of Hebron, who said that West Bank residents should have a say in their own future. This remark was interpreted as meaning that West Bankers, rather than the Palestine Liberation Organisation which is rejected by Israel, should have first say in deciding the territory's future.

After presenting new British proposals

Richard: Talks with Vorster very useful

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 19 (AFF). — The British negotiator on Rhodesia, Ivor Richard, today emerged from talks here with South African Premier John Vorster and described them as "a very useful conversation." The talks today mark the start of a second round of diplomatic moves by Britain to achieve a peaceful settlement to the Rhodesian issue. Mr. Richard, chairman of the adjoined Geneva conference on Rhodesia, told newsmen: "I valued the advice and opinion Mr. Vorster gave me." He said he had given Mr. Vorster an account of progress made over the last fortnight, adding that during the lengthy meeting he had asked "no specific assurances" from the South African leader over Rhodesia. Today's meeting which lasted almost three hours was the second between the two men on the Rhodesian problem, the first being at Mr. Vorster's summer residence near Port Elizabeth on Jan. 3. British sources said that the meeting was important in that Mr. Vorster's reactions to the new British proposals on Rhodesia would foreshadow in part those of Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith. The sources said that Mr. Richard's written proposals were markedly different from those put to Mr. Smith during the British diplomat's last visit to Salisbury. All the same, observers agreed that the Rhodesian premier was unlikely to react favourably to the new proposals which provide for an enhanced British role in any pre-independence transitional period in Rhodesia. Mr. Richard is due to leave here tomorrow for Salisbury where, apart from Mr. Smith, he will meet United African National Council leader Abel Muzorewa and visit other parts of the country including an area where guerrillas are active. In Dar Es Salaam, it was reported today that the Rhodesian Patriotic Front leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo have set up a ten-man coordinating committee to oversee the reorganisation of Zipsa, the Zimbabwe People's Army, based in Mozambique. The Tanzanian government-owned Daily News quoted from Maputo, Mozambique, a front communiqué stating that the committee "will, among other things, coordinate and implement jointly agreed programmes as well as study any relevant problems, in particular the reorganisation of the Zimbabwe People's Army." In Tehran, it was announced that Mr. Nkomo today met the Shah of Iran. Mr. Nkomo is on a private visit to Iran.

Tito tells Qadhafi:

Geneva Mideast conference must be reconvened "regardless of results"

BELGRADE, Jan. 19 (R). — Yugoslav President Tito, on the second day of an official visit to Tripoli, told Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi today the Geneva Middle East peace conference must be reconvened "regardless of results," the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said. In a dispatch from Tripoli the agency said the talks between the two leaders centred on the Middle East situation and bilateral cooperation. The 84-year-old president told Col. Qadhafi that it was necessary to hold the Geneva conference irrespective of its results, the agency said. President Tito said the Geneva conference was a stage which could not be bypassed regardless of the results it was to achieve. "The one who is not ready to seek peace will bring upon itself the responsibility and odium for the conference's failure and will enable the other side to seek a solution through means available to it," Tanjug quoted President Tito as saying. President Tito called for equal participation of the PLO in all day official visit to Egypt and phases of the Geneva talks and hoped that "Cairo and Moscow will remain consistent in insisting on this," Tanjug reported. He also said that United States President-elect Jimmy Carter would most probably favour reconvening the conference after taking office. Col. Qadhafi briefed President Tito on Libya's relations with its neighbours, and his views on the Middle East situation and the results to be achieved there, the agency said. The Geneva conference, Tanjug said without giving any details, it said only that Col. Qadhafi "respected Yugoslav views of the conference in Geneva." The Yugoslav leader briefed Col. Qadhafi on his recent talks with Arab leaders, including PLO chief Yasser Arafat, the agency said. President Tito said his country would raise the Mediterranean situation and its implications for Europe at the follow-up conference to the 1975 European security summit to be held in Belgrade in June, Tanjug reported. Col. Qadhafi called for increased military cooperation between the two countries, Tanjug said. It gave no details but well informed sources in Belgrade said Libya was buying Yugoslav-made tanks, naval vessels and small arms. President Tito was due to fly to Aswan tomorrow for a seven-day official visit to Egypt and talks with President Anwar Sadat.

Carter nostalgic as he leaves Plains for gay Washington inaugural celebrations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (R). — President-elect Jimmy Carter was flying here today on his last trip as a private citizen before being sworn in tomorrow as the country's 39th president. His charter flight, taking less than two hours from his home in Plains, Georgia, brings him to an icy cold but festive capital. Celebrations began yesterday and will carry on tomorrow long after Mr. Carter is sworn in at noon on the steps of the capitol by Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger and makes a 15-minute inaugural address. Mr. Carter, who has told reporters he feels nostalgic about leaving his small hometown, saw off 375 supporters -- over half the population of Plains -- who left ahead of him on a special train to attend the inauguration here. Mr. Carter told the group: "It's going to be a new day, a new beginning, a new spirit for our country. I will try to do a good job for you." The supplies of food, drinks and peanut-flavoured ice cream -- an added extra in recognition of Mr. Carter's days as a peanut farmer -- indicated there would be a non-stop party rivalling many of the events in Washington. Passengers on the train each paid \$275 for the return trip and a night's accommodation in the capital. Mr. Carter, Georgia's first president and the first from the deep south for more than a century, shook hands, slapped backs and then waved the train off. Next, he locked the front door of his house, carried his own luggage to a secret service car and prepared to fly to Washington. In the capital, hundreds of newly arrived visitors slithered on ice-covered pavements as they converged on an inaugural committee office near the White House to collect tickets for scores of different inauguration festivities. Despite icy winds, which plung-

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...at invites Ford to visit Egypt
...RO, Jan. 19 (R). — President Anwar Sadat has issued an invitation to President Ford to visit Egypt, the Middle East News Agency reported today. The U.S. president who leaves his post tomorrow, contacted President Anwar Sadat by telephone today. There was no date fixed for the proposed visit. It is believed that the contact has dealt with the demonstrations in Egypt.

King Hussein: PLO should undertake commitments Palestinians at Geneva

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday said the Palestine Liberation Organisation should undertake the commitments that will be made at a reconvened Geneva East Conference. King Hussein was speaking at the cabinet meeting over which he presided. He reviewed the Arab and Arab situations and set priorities for the government. He said the government is working for the reconquest of all the occupied territories and to invite the Palestine Liberation Organisation to join in the efforts, and to attend the Geneva Middle East peace conference, to assume national responsibility in asking for the return of the occupied land, to speak on behalf of the Arab people and to undertake the commitments (that should be made), King Hussein said. His Majesty also told the Cabinet that Jordan should develop its primary institution and organisations. King Hussein has told the operations of the Arab Parliament here Monday. He said that the parliamentary system in Jordan has been passed through exceptional circumstances beyond our control over the last two years, we are deter-

De Guiringaud says:

France ready to contribute to M.E. peace moves despite strained relations with Israel

Paris (AFP). — French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud today affirmed that France is determined to play a role in the Middle East regardless of the strained relations with Israel touched off abroad by the arrest and subsequent release by a French court of a Palestinian leader, Abu Dawud, alleged to be behind the attack on Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics. "France has a good chance of contributing to a settlement of the Middle Eastern conflict, thanks to the relations she has and continues to maintain with each of the countries in the region, including Israel," he declared. M. de Guiringaud said he intended to visit all of the countries involved in the conflict, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Israel as well, if the Israeli government does not make this impossible for him. The foreign minister was speaking at a luncheon given by the intellectual magazine La Revue des Deux Mondes. He charged that the Abu Dawud case "was exploited in a shameless fashion against France by people who want to prevent her from playing the role that befits her in the Middle East." Paraphrasing a statement by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at his press conference on Monday, M. de Guiringaud declared that French policy "is not made on the floor of the stock exchange nor in editorial offices, nor in the oil fields. It is an independent, active and reasonable policy." Reports from Tel Aviv quoted Israeli officials as saying today that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon is expected to meet M. de Guiringaud in Brussels next month in an attempt to ease the latest diplomatic strain between the two countries. The officials said that despite the recall of Israel's ambassador to Paris, Mr. Mordechai Gazit, in protest against the French decision last week to release Abu Dawud, diplomatic contacts were continuing in an effort to improve relations.

Gemayel: Strong Lebanese army indispensable

BEIRUT, Jan. 19 (AFP). — The right and Syrian leaders agreed that the future of Lebanon is an internal problem, according to right-winger Pierre Gemayel. Gemayel, leader of the right-wing Phalangist Party, and former President Suleiman Franjeh, to Damascus this week for discussions on the thorny question of Lebanon. A newspaper Al Anwar quoted him as saying on his return a "perfect understanding" reached in the Damascus talks. "The aims must be achieved, the preservation of 'Lebanon's international friendships' effectively guaranteed its security, and the restoration of peace among the citizens of Lebanon," Gemayel said. Gemayel suggested that the Lebanese army, now being rebuilt, might help the peace force to enforce security in the south of the country. He said the Lebanese army is irreplaceable. Al Anwar quoted him as saying he was asked for the construction of a strong Lebanese army. The newspaper, the Arabic-language L'Orient-Le Jour, President Hafez Assad of Syria showed "perfect comprehension" of this request during the hours of talks in the Syrian capital.

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Time to be good

The inauguration of Mr. Jimmy Carter today as the new president of the United States is symbolic of the aspect of American civilisation that probably lies at the root of that country's vast successes in most fields of life. This is the spirit of adventure, a sense of daring curiosity, and it is as evident today as it was when America was "discovered by sailors, and then explored and settled by pioneers. The election of Mr. Carter reflects the American people's decision a few months ago to try out something new, something unknown but somehow enticing.

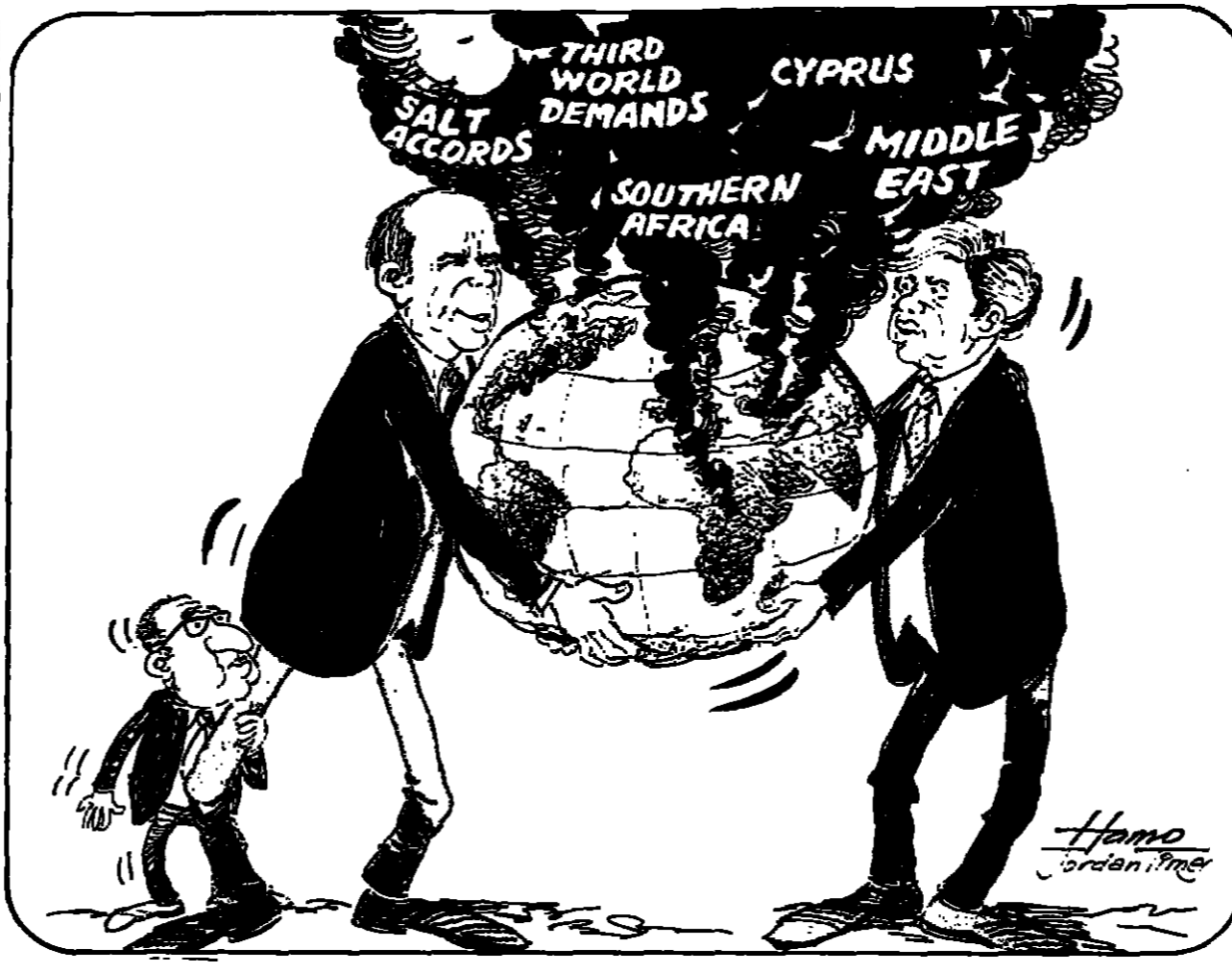
Mr. Carter has spent the past two months diligently selecting his top cabinet officials and meeting with his new team to chart the course on which he plans to guide the ship of state. He has gone about these tasks in a manner that betrays both a sense of responsibility and a penchant for bold and decisive action. Most of all, he seems to attack a problem very much in the analytical manner of a scientist. He asks for different approaches, he seeks to pinpoint the heart of the matter, and then he tries to match the right cure with the identified ailment.

If this is the way that President Carter will tackle the immensities of foreign policy, then the American people may have a reason to applaud themselves for choosing well in November. The various extreme and unrealistic statements that Mr. Carter made during his campaign (and the air-jabbing, table-banging, foot-stomping exclamation marks of wild emphasis that Vice President Mondale threw in here and there) have been forgotten for the moment, and deserve to be forgotten forever. The campaign statements both men made about the Middle East are a recipe for continued conflict and bloodshed, probably including, as in the recent past, American blood.

If President Carter will analyse the Middle East (or Cyprus, or Southern Africa) in the same rational manner that he has examined the requirements of the American economy or the need to set up a real U.S. energy programme, then it is very likely that he will initiate policies both reasoned and reasonable, and that he shall aim for realistic goals. He has already made it clear that his administration will not sit around for a year spinning its globes and getting acquainted with the world. A peaceful and viable solution to the Middle East conflict will bring immense benefits, direct and indirect, immediate and long term, to both President Carter and the United States.

But most important of all, and in view of the successful appeal Mr. Carter has made to the American people's fundamental feelings of decency, honesty, goodness and justice, he will probably appreciate the fact that peace must come to the Middle East because this is a region that has lived for too long with a structural deformity in its heart -- the injustice committed by Zionism and the backers of Zionism against the Palestinian Arab people. If Mr. Carter looks at the Middle East as he seems to look honestly and humanely at most problems, then there is good reason to applaud his inauguration and cheer his incumbency.

We sincerely hope that President Carter will be true to his principles, and as good and honest and compassionate and decent as the American people.



Arab Parliamentary Union calls for unified attitude

AMMAN (JNA). — The Arab Parliamentary Union, Thursday morning, ended four days of meetings during which the Arab parliamentarians discussed ways to bolster the union and enable it to carry a more effective role in the Arab and international fields.

The conferees outlined the importance of Arab parliamentary work and stressed the need to strengthen dialogue among Arab parliamentarians to achieve a unified Arab attitude as a step forward towards Arab unity.

They also approved to convene an annual Arab parliamentary conference and decided to set up the necessary committees for that purpose.

They also expressed their approval over the resolutions of the Riyadh and Cairo summit meetings on Lebanon and the coordination steps implemented lately by the confrontation states, in addition to the Syrian initiative in Lebanon which has succeeded to stop bloodshed in that country.

The conferees called for more unity between the Arabs to face the Israeli aggression and force Israel to withdraw from all occupied territories and allow the Palestinian people the right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent entity on any parts of the Palestinian soil which are liberated. They also hailed the steadfastness of the Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories and called on Arab governments to continue their support of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in conformity with the Rabat 1974 summit conference and those held recently in Riyadh and Cairo.

They also expressed gladness at the Arab economic integration policy underway and called on Arab governments to double efforts to benefit from the Arab capitals available to make the Arab World a self-sufficient entity, and recommended to Arab parliaments to enact the necessary laws guaranteeing the free movement of capitals and knowhow between Arab countries.

On the union's role in the international field, the conferees stressed the importance of developing Arab African relations in the political, economical and cultural fields and support Africa's struggle for independence and decided to participate in the African parliamentary conference due to be held in the Mauritanian capital of Nouakchott in February.

National Notes

● AMMAN. — Her Majesty Queen Alya donated JD 1,000 for building a mosque at the village of Samma.

● AMMAN. — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Wednesday sent a cable of condolences to Yugoslavia's President Tito following the death in an air crash of the Yugoslav Prime Minister, Mr. Dzemal Bijedic.

● AMMAN. — The Minister of Finance, Mr. Mohammad Dabbass, Wednesday received Dr. Shadi Al Ayyari, the President of the Arab Bank for Development in Africa, and discussed with him the results of his tour in the Arab countries for increasing the capital of the bank which backs and finances developmental projects both in Africa and the Arab World.

● AMMAN. — The Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Hashem Dabbass, Wednesday received the ambassador of South Korea and discussed with him strengthening bilateral economical cooperation. The Korean ambassador expressed his government's desire to import raw phosphate from Jordan.

● AMMAN. — A delegation representing a number of Belgian companies specialised in cement, copper, and potash industries, is due to arrive here within two days to discuss with Jordanian officials the possibility of establishing and financing a variety of industries recommended in the five year development plan in Jordan.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.S. dollar	333.0	335.0
U.K. sterling	573.0	579.0
German mark	138.7	139.1
French franc	67.0	67.3
Italian lira		
(for every 100)	37.9	39.1
Syrian pound	82.5	82.7
Lebanese pound	113.4	114.3
Saudi riyal	94.6	95.0
Iraqi dinar	940.0	947.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1152.0	1160.0
UAE dirham	82.5	83.2
Libyan dinar	730.0	750.0
Egyptian pound	478.0	488.0

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His Highness Crown Prince Hassan is received by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaki Ibn Shaker, the chief of staff and his assistants during his visit to the Armed Forces headquarters Wednesday. (JNA photo).

Syrian information team arrives here

AMMAN (JNA). — A Syrian information delegation led by the Minister of Information, Mr. Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad, arrived here Wednesday noon via Ramtha on a three-day visit to attend the meetings of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Information Committee.

The periodical meeting of the committee, co-chaired by Mr. Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad and his Jordanian counterpart, Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh will resume discussions of coordination steps in the field of information and review which has been achieved so far between the two countries.

The Syrian delegation was received at the Ramtha border post by Mr. Abu Odeh and top ranking information officials.

Electrical coop. agreement signed with W. Germany

AMMAN (JNA). — An agreement for cooperation between Jordan and West Germany in the field of electrical power was signed here Tuesday.

Under the accord, the West German government will provide experts for the repair and maintenance of the diesel units at Aqaba's power station and assembly of new diesel units there.

The accord, which comes with in the 1960 economic cooperation agreement between the two countries, was signed by the director of the Jordan Electricity Authority and the German ambassador in Amman.

Australia offers technical aid

AMMAN (JNA). — The Australian government has offered to provide Jordan with technical aid and know-how, especially in the field of dry-land farming, in implementation of the agreement concluded after King Hussein's visit to Australia last year.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Salah Jum'a, said he will ask the Australian government to send number of experts in the development of pastures and soil conservation. He will also ask for number of his ministry's officials to take training courses in the specialised jobs in Australia.

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DEMOCRACY and parliamentary life, as discussed in His Majesty King Hussein's opening speech at the Council of the Arab Parliamentary Union in Amman Monday, were again the subject of comment by Al Dustour and Al Ra'i Wednesday.

Al Dustour writes: "His Majesty the King announced in his address to the Arab Parliamentarians that, in spite of the exceptional and compelling circumstances encountered by parliamentary life in our country during the last two years, Jordan intends to go back to full electoral life, in accordance with the spirit of the constitution and requirements of proper rule.

"The return to electoral life means the restoration of a parliamentary system where parliament will exercise its constitutional role.

"But it must be said at once that this role goes beyond the mere "consultative" role, because parliament, constitutionally speaking, is the legislative body, the watch-guard over the government and its partner in carrying out responsibilities.

"And whereas a parliament emerging from full electoral life

will be the legitimate representative of the people, the return to it would mean the return to the formula of "government of the people by the people," which is the practical exercise of true democracy."

Al Ra'i recalls that democracy was born along with Jordan. The late King Abdullah fashioned a kind of "desert democracy", when he first founded the Trans-Jordan Emirate. This type of democracy was evolved and developed by the activities of the "legislative assembly", taking its full shape in the early fifties.

The paper says that while democratic life in many Arab countries has relapsed due to the ever-burning issue of Palestine, King Hussein has insisted on the continuation of constitutional life in this country. But as parliamentary life in Jordan has been temporarily suspended due to outside factors beyond our control, as represented by the Rabat Arab summit resolutions which we have to respect, we may now understand King Hussein's plans and outlook for future democracy in Jordan -- a democracy which is closely linked with the proposed setting up of a Palestinian state and the reorganisation of the Jordanian house, the paper explains.

"Democracy will remain Jordan's future life, and the bridge leading to development, strength and unity," Al Ra'i concludes.

Al Sha'b refers to Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's new call for the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference and to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's statement on the need for serious efforts to resume the conference so as "to ward off the threat of a new war in the area."

After a lengthy dissertation on world-wide interest in a Middle East peace settlement through Geneva, the paper says the reconvening of Geneva is not important in itself. What is more important is to define the identity, the landmarks and the durability of the peace which Geneva is required to achieve.

Al Sha'b goes on: "The area's problem, which is admittedly called the Middle East crisis, is in fact the Palestinian crisis -- the tragedy of the Palestinian people who were driven from their homes and have been deprived of the simplest of their national rights since 1948.

In Damascus, Al Thawra and Al Baath dailies Wednesday commented on "Israel's frequent sa-

bre-rattling and allusions to the possibility of a new war in the area if efforts aimed at a peaceful settlement fail."

Al Thawra says Israel seems to want to suggest first, that the Arab insistence on peace is only a manoeuvre and second, that Israel refuses to recognise the validity of the Arab attitude concerning the necessity of peace.

The paper says that however numerous are Israeli threats of war, one thing is certain: the Arabs are entitled -- as a legitimate and natural right -- to resort to whatever means necessary for the liberation of their land.

Al Baath, on its part, thinks that Israel's doves and hawks are of the same nest... It says a historic opportunity is now showing itself -- the Arabs want peace, but the Israelis want the "portion" of this peace... which they need.

مركز الصحافة

Jimmy Carter confirms that his son was discharged from navy for smoking marijuana

PLAINS, Georgia, Jan. 19 (AFP) — U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter yesterday personally conceded that his eldest son Jack, had been discharged from the navy in 1970 for smoking marijuana, Mr. Carter's Press Secretary Jody Powell said here.

Most of the other 54 navy students, caught along with Mr. Jack Carter, were discharged from the navy in December 1970. The full facts of the case were known to Mr. Anderson added, to Admiral Hyman Rickover, the man considered to be the father of America's nuclear navy.

Mr. Jimmy Carter has himself made it clear, during his recent election campaign, that once in office he will seek to decriminalise the offence of possessing marijuana as a user. While trying to reduce penalties and to take the criminal stigma away from the use of pot, Mr. Carter nevertheless, said he would still step up sentences for pushers of the drug.

Mr. Anderson's revelations were not a total surprise to the American press, for Mr. Jack Carter, his 22-year old brother, had already admitted publicly that he had smoked marijuana. The younger Carter announced in September: "I don't recommend it to anyone."

Mr. Anderson quoted Mr. Jack Carter as saying he had received special treatment at the time of his discharge from the navy because of his father's position.

Mr. Anderson quoted Mr. Jack Carter as saying: "They knew my father was about to become governor of Georgia so they treated me somewhat deferentially."

As a result of the pot-smoking air, which occurred when Mr. Jack Carter was at navy school in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the president-elect's son had been given a general discharge from the

JOURNALIST NAMED SPOKESMAN FOR STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Future U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday announced his choice of State Department spokesman to replace Mr. Robert Funseth as journalist Hodding Carter, a Democrat from Mississippi. Mr. Carter, 40, is the editor and co-publisher of the Delta Democrat Times of Greenville, Mississippi. Mr. Hodding Carter is no relation to President-elect Jimmy Carter.

Henry Kissinger: The end justifies the means

By Fernand Moulier.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AFP) — Everyone, even his opponents, will miss Henry Kissinger, for he was a statesman who leaves no man indifferent.

As he prepares to leave the U.S. administration, after eight years as a foreign policy-maker, Dr. Henry Kissinger remains one of the most fascinating and popular statesmen in the United States and abroad.

He did not achieve his dream of a "new world order". He made errors of judgement in the last years of his reign. But the overall assessment of his activities since January 1969 is definitely positive.

Eight years ago, America was at odds with the Arab world, had cool relations with the Soviet Union, was on poor terms with its allies in the Atlantic alliance and had no relations at all with China.

Reshuffle in Syrian Baath top party posts reported

AMMAN, Jan. 19, (R) — Top officials in Syria's ruling Baath Party were reshuffled at a meeting chaired by President Hafez Assad early this month, according to well-informed Arab sources.

Among those given different roles within the Syrian Regional Command of the Baath Party was the president's younger brother, Dr. Rifaat Assad, the sources said.

Formerly responsible for higher education, where his task was to represent party policy to professors, Dr. Assad has now been put in charge of the party's youth bureau.

He is expected to devote more of his energies to military rather than party matters in the future, the sources said.

There were no changes in the composition of the party leadership, only a reshuffle of jobs within it, the sources said.

Among other changes, Mr. Mohammad Haidar, former Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, was removed from the party's Economic Affairs Bureau.

After his eclipse from Syria's economic hierarchy, he is now in charge of party schools.

Another change was the appointment of a tough Baathist, Gen. Abdul Ghani Ibrahim, to head the party's Syndicates Bureau.

Formerly in charge of political guidance, he takes over his new office after the party's failure to win any seats in elections for the leadership of the Doctors' Syndicate or more than half the places in the Engineers' Syndicate, the sources noted.

The outgoing secretary of state back and forth, the secretary can be alternately sparking, arrogant, self-satisfied, romantic and didactic.

Often odious towards his aides, he is beguiling in private life. Dr. Henry Kissinger did more to personalise American diplomacy than did any of his predecessors.

Deep down he is a loner. "For me, what counts is to act on my own," he once said. "Americans love that. They love the cowboy who goes into a town alone at the head of a wagon train."

But he is also a professor, trained at Harvard University where he also taught. War, to him, is a matter of megatons, peace a matter of balance. Administration does not interest him. He still has the same admiration for Gen. Charles de Gaulle that he had 10 years ago. "The only thing he did

wrong was to be right before his time."

In private conversation, he shows unmistakable fire and faith. It is no longer a statesman's briefing, but a mastery expose.

More than 20 books and thousands of articles have already been written on this extraordinary figure. Criticism bothers him more than he indicates, especially when it comes from former university colleagues. But he will defend step-by-step the positions adopted by the Republican administration -- even those positions which seem the least justifiable.

At 53 years of age, a brilliant future is still ahead of him. One thing is certain: He will keep his home in Washington until September, when he will move to New York, where his wife wants to reside. Dr. Kissinger has also hired a literary agent to sell the rights of the memoirs he has yet to write.

Today, from the American point of view, Washington has a considerable number of trumps and feels stronger than ever. Cynical and a believer in geo-politics and real-politik, Dr. Kissinger asserts: "The end justifies the means."

He explains: "By end, I mean the holocaust which would result from a nuclear war. ... The lives of 14 million people are worth an untruth, even if that untruth is displeasing to journalists."

A professor and historian gifted with a prodigious memory, a short man with eyes constantly darting

Jimmy Carter's inauguration speech will be "short, realistic"

PLAINS, Georgia, Jan. 19 (AFP) — President-elect Jimmy Carter's inauguration address on Thursday will be "short and realistic", his Press Secretary Jody Powell said here yesterday.

Mr. Carter will explain the fundamental principles of his government and the realities of the present-day world and ask Americans to be prepared to make the necessary sacrifices, Mr. Powell said.

The tone of the speech will be general: The legislative programmes which Mr. Carter is to submit to Congress will be the subject of special messages.

The 15-minute address will be one of the shortest in American history -- but nowhere near as curt as the mere two minutes which Gen. George Washington allowed himself.

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Kurt Waldheim: Portrait of an ambitious fighter for world peace

No United Nations secretary general has served a single term and Kurt Waldheim is no exception. What kind of man is this Austrian activist who has visited almost 100 world capitals in the last five years in search of solutions to the most daunting of mankind's problems? The answer is not easy to give, for little has been written about his early years.

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Gemini) -- Kurt Waldheim, who on Jan. 1 embarked on a second five years at the helm of the U.N., is at the same time helping to solidify a tradition -- that secretary generals don't finish in five. None has.

For months Mr. Waldheim had refrained from saying that he would like to continue. His silence was projected as part of his belief that one did not "run" for the office.

Even so, the names of a few potential "candidates" -- primarily U.N. Ambassador Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka and President Luis Echeverria of Mexico -- surfaced now and then. But the notion of a major scramble for the "position" was a distortion.

His plan had been to sit tight until approached by the Security Council -- which "recommends" its choice. But after an impressive appeal from the Organisation of African Unity in October he decided -- against the advice of at least one of his aides -- to acknowledge his availability.

Competition, if any, at that point, had dissipated, and the only conceivable handicap remaining was the fading rumour that Chins still fancied a Third World candidate for the post. That is, theoretically she could exercise her veto. But in fact, at that late date, she was in no mood to take on the role of kingmaker.

And so Mr. Waldheim succeeded himself.

What -- some are still asking -- moves anyone to want to stay on in such a gruelling job?

True, the pay isn't bad -- \$77,600 -- and the "perks" are sizeable.

In part it was the simple desire to have a further try at solving some of the U.N.'s toughest problems. But some say that there is another element: An overriding sense of ambition, and the concurrent wish not to be the first in

his position to leave at the end of five years.

Mr. Waldheim himself has disclosed very little about what makes him tick. Nor have his associates. And in fact very little is said or written about his early years.

But a rather perceptive European -- the wealthy wife of a high-level retired diplomat and close friend of the Waldheims -- once told me: "You can't understand Kurt without knowing something of his childhood. Behind that 'drive' is his early longing for upward mobility."

Whether she was right or wrong, it is a fact that Mr. Waldheim

seems to be unflappably optimistic and almost beyond intimidation: virtually anything in his view would seem worth trying.

Something, in other words, propels him forward and he seems almost to have no time to lament over anything that went less than well: the "activist" label fits.

He has in fact paid visits to almost 100 world capitals. By all odds, he is the U.N.'s most hyperkinetic secretary general. His predecessor, on the other hand, was its most contemplative.

U Thant was constantly haunted by the immorality and the savagery of the Vietnam war. His Buddhist beliefs, his conscience and the Charter's failure to give the secretary general much freedom of action produced an unbearable frustration.

And when he did move to put things on to a rational level, flak from the United States was almost instantaneous.

Mr. Waldheim, on the other hand, had the good fortune of

having been almost eased out of the Vietnam issue by the U.S. promise of a "winding-down" of the war.

On the Middle East and Cyprus, he has been given especially good marks for his efforts. And yet both of those -- along with Southern Africa and Western Sahara -- remain ongoing concerns of the U.N. and its Secretary General.

The impression is that Mr. Waldheim, unlike U Thant, believes not only that he must act but that he must be seen to be acting. And this in turn raises some questions for which there are no answers:

Does all this visible movement leave him no time to sit alone and sort out the larger moral issues? When they are sufficiently compelling, should he speak out? And, if he did so, would it make a difference?

It is true that he has no easy task in maintaining harmony -- and avoiding partisanship -- in so politically diverse a family of nations. But there are those who hold that moderation, or caution, is sometimes overdone.

Not so, however, as far as the social rigours of the job are concerned. For this Waldheim is blessed with an apparently rugged constitution. At times, during the first six weeks of the General Assembly, he either hosts or attends an incredible succession of luncheons, dinners and receptions (and even breakfasts) -- sometimes all in a single day.

Few survive this regimen without bodily damage. Yet Mr. Waldheim appears to have done so. Eating very simply whenever he is free of the demands of protocol has helped.

Obviously, these social rounds have the effect of extending the working day sometimes as much as five or six hours. His average, they say, is about twelve, Monday to Friday, with an almost certain stint on Saturday and the obligation to be ever on call during a major or even minor crisis.

When he can, though, he escapes at the weekend to a country house in Ridgefield, Connecticut -- and the company of his wife Elisabeth, his son Gerhard, a law student, and his daughter Christa, a recent debutante. His older daughter, Liselotte, is married and lives in Geneva.



Muscle behind Soviet diplomacy: Army men sightsee in Kremlin.

60th anniversary of revolution promises to be year of intense Soviet diplomatic activity

MOSCOW, (CSM). -- The Soviet Union has swung into the new year with a clear effort to seize the diplomatic initiative and set the tone for talks that lie ahead with the United States, Western Europe and others.

Underlying a heightened tone of Soviet public statements recently is the importance of the 12 months to come for the Kremlin -- 1977 is the 60th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution in Petrograd (now Leningrad).

Year-end editorials in major newspapers here stressed that the anniversary of the revolution (Oct. 25-26 under the old calendar, Nov. 6-7 under the new) must be marked by even greater achievements by the Soviet Union.

The government newspaper Izvestia published a six-point list of Soviet diplomatic priorities for the new year, together with a summary of Soviet positions.

- 1. Talks with the United States on limiting strategic weapons (SALT).
- 2. Improving political and economic contacts with Washington (a reference to U.S. restrictive trade legislation, among other things).
- 3. Talks in Vienna between the Warsaw Pact and NATO on mutual reductions of forces in Central Europe. The talks have been stalled for more than two years. Each side blames the other. Lately Moscow has been urging more progress.
- 4. The major conference set for Belgrade in June to review the results of the Helsinki Declaration of 1974. The declaration formally recognised the postwar boundaries of Europe (and Soviet gains) but also committed the signatories to examine all possibilities for wider contacts across the East-West dividing line and to deal in a positive and humanitarian way with requests to reunite families and allow marriages.
- 5. The Middle East, where a Rhodesian settlement.

Israel is held to be at fault and great efforts are still needed to reach an Arab-Israeli settlement.

6. South Africa, where the knot is getting ever tighter. Unless colonialists surrender, Izvestia says, Africans will have to cut the knot and blood will be spilled.

So far, Western analysts here see Moscow as cautious in Southern Africa, supporting allies such as Angola, Mozambique and the Southwest Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) in Namibia, but refraining from any movement of Cuban forces to Mozambique for use against Rhodesia.

African sources have revealed that Soviet head of state Nikolai Podgorny plans to visit Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique in early spring.

Although Mr. Podgorny is not known as a major policymaker, he does formally represent the Soviet government (as distinct from the Communist Party).

And his trip is seen as an effort to show the Soviet flag in the wake of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy in Southern Africa and current efforts by Britain's Ivor Richard to follow it up and break the stalemate in negotiations over

the stalemate in negotiations over a Rhodesian settlement.



KURT WALDHEIM
UN Secretary General

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12:00 Pop session	18:00 News summary
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17:00	News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses. News Summary Dateline.
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18:00	Special English. News, Feature : The Making of a nation. News Summary
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19:00	News Roundup. Reports Actualities, Opinion, Analyses.
19:30	VOA Magazine, Americana, Science, Cultural, Letters.
20:00	Special English. News.
20:15	Music USA (Jazz).
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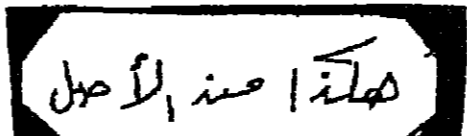
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07:30	Sarah Ward	16:45 The World Today
07:45	Origins of Industry	17:00 News
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08:15	Dances of Old Vienna	17:40 Book Choice
08:30	Farming World	17:45 Sports Round-up
09:00	News; UK Press Review	18:00 News; Radio Newsreel
09:15	The World Today	18:30 Take It or Leave It
09:30	Financial News	19:00 News; Outlook
09:45	Music Now	19:42 Stock Market
10:15	Wales '77	19:45 Bear is Black
10:30	Just a minute	20:00 World News; 24 hours
11:00	News	20:30 A Jolly Good Show
11:15	A History of Food	21:15 People and Politics
11:30	Fleet Street in Crisis	21:45 Paperbacks
12:00	Radio Newsreel	22:00 News: The World Today
12:15	Top Twenty	22:25 Financial News
12:45	Sports Round-up	22:35 Gilbert and Sullivan
13:00	News; 24 hours	22:45 Sports Round-up
13:30	Paperbacks	23:00 News: Commentary

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8:30 Arabic series	10:15 Crown court



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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West vulnerable. West

NORTH
♠ 72
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A K Q J 6 5
♣ 8 5

EAST
♠ Q J 4
♥ 110
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ K 10 6 3
♥ J 8 5
♦ A J 6 2
♣ 8 2

Adding:
North East South
3 ♠ Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass
ing lead: King of ♣.

A trick. West shifted to the king of hearts. Again declarer chose to duck. Unfortunately, West's next

play disconcerted declarer. no end—West exited with a club.

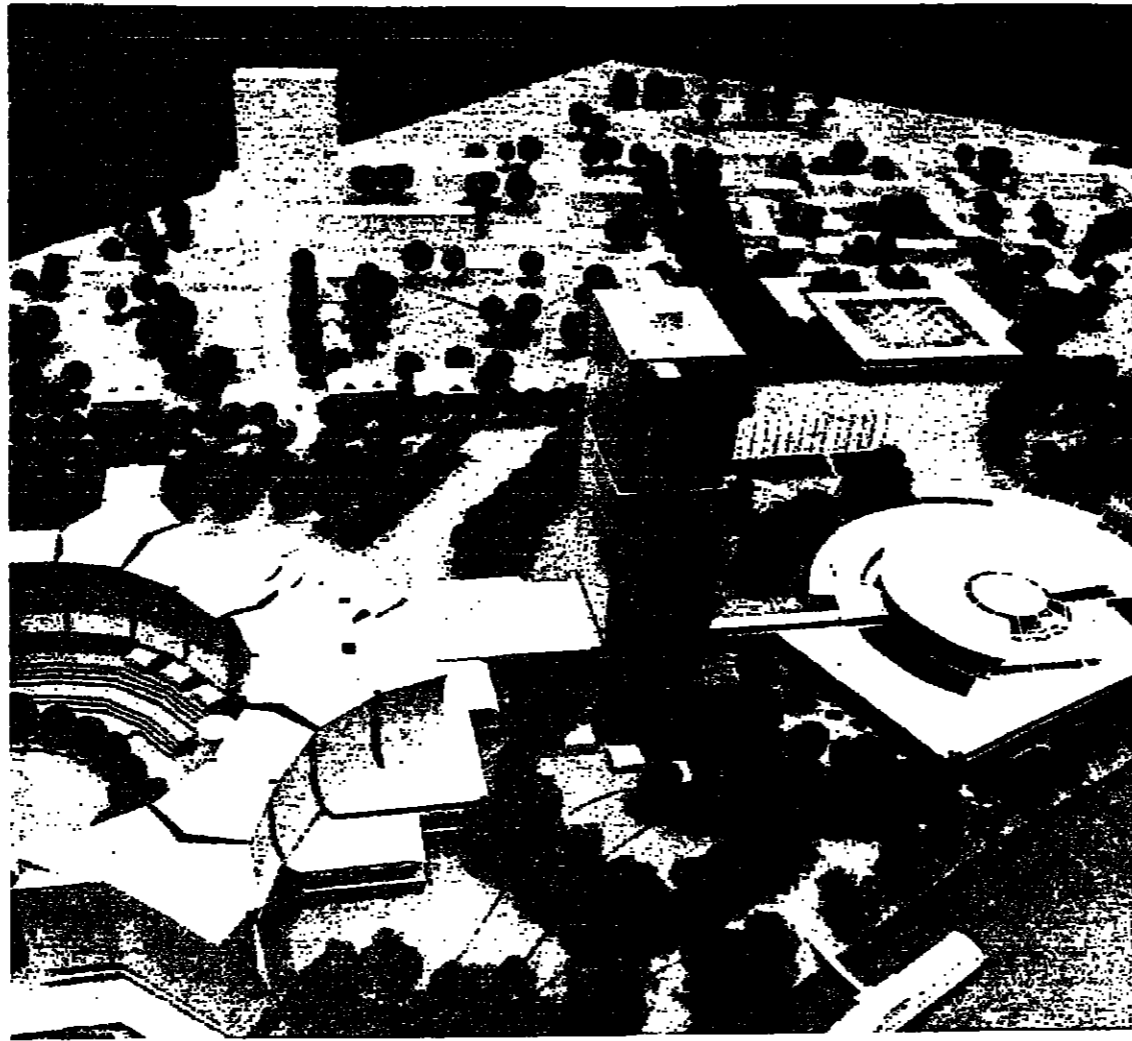
Declarer had nothing better to do than run his clubs, but his predicament grew from bad to worse. He had to find four discards, and he had to discard before West. No matter what he did, he was ensnared in a self-inflicted squeeze, and by careful discarding the defenders were able to hold declarer to eight tricks.

Declarer would have done far better had he won the first trick with the ace of diamonds. Since West was likely to have started with the kings and queens of the red suits and ace of spades for his vulnerable opening bid, declarer could have put pressure on him by running the clubs. Now South has no discarding problem—he comes down to two spades, two hearts and two diamonds in his hand. But West cannot discard safely. No matter what he decides to hold, by watching the discards carefully declarer can force West to concede the ninth trick in either the spade or diamond suit. If you don't believe us, see for yourself if there is any way for West to avoid the pinch.

any key moves, both on the defense, begin ducking a trick which have been won. But a helping of duck lead to indignation, as learned to his cost deal.

South were emerging intermediate jump calls. North's overall three clubs showed the talent of a good opening with a long suit, so elected to take his in a no trump game. led the king of diamonds and declarer decided low West to win the trick. Since he could continue diamonds with representing declarer with

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



BONN BUILDS -- Nestling against the banks of the Rhine, the new look Bonn, capital city of West Germany, could well look like this desk-top model in a decade from now. This is a model of the parliament buildings as envisaged by two partnerships of award-winning architects. The centre block, which houses M.P.'s' offices, has been in use since 1969. The design envisages covered access to the semi-circle of parliamentary party buildings and the shell-shaped Bundestag chamber (right). The rectangular building behind this complex will house the Bundesrat, or Upper House, in which state governments are represented. Government and opposition agree that new buildings are a must if the wheels of government are to run smoothly.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Know exactly what kind desires of you and then you can eliminate whatever is the cause of friction at home.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Improve your appearance and attend the social tonight.

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- Lurked
- Semitic daisy
- Disavow
- Knit in wood
- Embrace
- Gewgaw
- Container
- Departure
- Dispirited
- Before long
- Table container
- Netherlands commune

DOWN

- Joke
- Non-professional
- Without vegetation
- Pung
- Wine cask
- Among
- Ecstasy
- Ascertain
- Instead
- Withered
- Beetle
- Stringed instrument
- Flash
- Town near Liege
- Meager
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India's lower house dissolved for poll

NEW DELHI, Jan. 19 (R). — Indian President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad has dissolved the Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament) in preparation for general elections, probably in March, it was announced here today.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi last night announced her decision to hold elections, a move which took many observers by surprise.

She said restrictions under the state of internal emergency, which she imposed 19 months ago, were

being relaxed to permit what she called legitimate political activity for recognised parties. But she did not mention whether the emergency would be lifted.

Leaders of India's four main non-communist parties were meeting today to discuss strategy, including a proposed merger of their parties. Sources said it was unlikely that the merger would be completed in time for the elections, but they would contest them as a united team with a common policy and programme.

"We will try to have a straight contest with the government in every constituency," an opposition spokesman said.

The date of the election will be set by the electoral commissioner within a few days. Mrs. Gandhi said last night she expected it would take place in March.

Among those taking part in today's opposition meeting was Mr. Morarji Desai, 81-year-old former Deputy Prime Minister who was released after 19 months in detention only a few hours before Mrs. Gandhi announced the elections.

Mr. Desai, who has been mentioned as a possible leader of the proposed united non-communist opposition, said he thought Mrs. Gandhi was calling the election suddenly so the opposition would have no chance to gather its forces.

"I can't say that she shouldn't do it. But it is putting a hardship on the opposition," he said.

CHIRAC WILL STAND AS MAYOR OF PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AFP). — Former French premier Jacques Chirac announced here today that he would be a candidate for the office of mayor of Paris in municipal elections in March.

Mr. Chirac, who heads the Gaullist Rally for the Republic Party, made the announcement following a one-hour meeting today with his successor, Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

Mr. Chirac told newsmen that it was time to take politics out of the "corridors and cloakrooms". He decided to run for the mayor's office, he said, in order to "keep the French capital from falling into the hands of the Socialist-Communist coalition."



ANNOUNCES ELECTIONS -- Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi announces parliamentary elections in March during a New Delhi radio broadcast Tuesday. (AP wirephoto).

Carter sees Ford off with cup of coffee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AFP). — President Gerald Ford will have a final cup of coffee in the White House tomorrow with his successor, Mr. Jimmy Carter, and then, after attending the inauguration, will take a helicopter to Andrews Airbase as he has done so many times before.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ford today proposed decontrolling petrol prices in the United States.

the measure that the president planned to announce at the beginning of the month, but appeared to have dropped.

The majority of congressmen oppose decontrol. Several reports published by Congress indicate that it would boost prices 10 to 11 per cent and, paired with the overall increase in oil prices, would cost consumers nearly \$8,000 million. Congress' reaction to the proposal probably will depend on the position staked out by Mr. Carter, who has stated he

opposes total decontrol. Mr. Ford, to mark his last full day in office, today pardoned Iva Toguri d'Aquino, better known as "Tokyo Rose" from her broadcasts of Japanese propaganda during World War II.

Mrs. d'Aquino, who served six-and-a-half years in prison after being convicted of treason in 1949, now works in a gift shop in Chicago.

Australian train disaster tolls 80

SYDNEY, Jan. 19 (AFP). — The final death toll in Australia's worst train wreck is 80, police said here late today.

It took more than 27 hours to remove the last of the bodies after a crowded commuter train derailed yesterday morning, knocking down a suburban road overpass which fell on two of the train carriages.

The only way to identify some of the crushed passengers will be to fingerprint them, police superintendent George Marshall said.

The toll consisted of 43 men, 36 women and one girl. But another 83 people were hospitalised, some of them seriously injured.

Authorities of the New South Wales rail transport system were hoping that the automatic "trip record" in the overturned locomotive would give some clue to the cause of the derailment.

U.S. scientists isolate bacteria responsible for last summer's mysterious "Legionnaires' disease"

ATLANTA, Georgia, Jan. 19 (R). — Scientists at the Federal Centre for Disease Control (CDC) believe they have isolated the strain of bacteria responsible for the mysterious epidemic which killed 29 retired U.S. servicemen last summer.

CDC officials told reporters yesterday that the strain of bacteria, so far unidentified, was grown from lung tissue taken from two of the victims of the "Legionnaires' disease", which struck a total of 219 people during and after a Philadelphia convention of the Pennsylvania American Legion, an ex-servicemen's organisation, last July.

The bacterium caused strong antibody reactions in blood samples from 29 legionnaires. CDC officials said it might also be responsible for a similar epidemic in 1965 in a Washington, D.C. hospital.

CDC Director Dr. David Sencer said tests were needed to identify the bacteria strain and determine how it spread.

The disease caused high fevers and lung congestion among 180 people and killed 29.

The epidemic was first discovered on Aug. 2, nine days after the convention had ended and the visitors dispersed, when legion

officials noticed announcements of several deaths suddenly arriving at the legion's state headquarters.

The disease had prompted wide speculation as to its cause, with researchers even considering possible chemical warfare sabotage by radicals.

On a hunch, CDC scientists tested the bacteria with blood samples saved from a 1965 mystery epidemic at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, and found high antibody levels were produced.

Over 300 Czechs have now signed protest manifesto

FRAGUE, Jan. 19 (R). — The human rights manifesto "Charter 77" has been signed by well over 300 Czechoslovaks despite increasing pressure from the authorities, a spokesman for the charter's signatories said today.

Prof. Jan Patocka told Western reporters that several of those who signed had been fired from their jobs in the last few days.

Informed sources also reported that former journalist Jiri Lederer had been charged with damaging the interests of Czechoslovakia abroad under a section of the Penal Code which carries up to three years' imprisonment.

But there was no further information so far on charges against three other people whose arrests were reported with that of Mr. Lederer on Monday -- playwright Vaclav Havel and former theatre directors Otto Ornest and Frantisek Pavlicek.

OPEC coordinates plans for oil production cutbacks

TEHRAN, Jan. 19 (AFP). — Talks on coordinating production cutbacks are currently under way among several OPEC members who opted for a 10-per-cent price increase in December, Iranian oil sources said today.

Acting President of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifah arrived here today to continue the talks, press reports said.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz, who is Qatar's Oil Minister, has already held talks on production cutbacks in Kuwait, and next will go to

Iraq, the reports said. Since the OPEC meeting in December has recorded a 35-per cent increase in oil exports compared with a year earlier, the government recently disclosed.

The drop meant a loss of a million a day and jeopardising development programmes, the government said.

By limiting their oil output, agreeing to hold ranks of price increases, the countries to keep their share of the market, where demand has shifted to the countries of lower-priced oil.

Hearings suspended 3 times in Moroccan trial of "leftists"

CASABLANCA, Jan. 19 (AFP). — The trial of 139 alleged Marxist-Leninists charged with anti-government conspiracy and illegal political activity was suspended three times at yesterday's hearing following clashes between defendants and the prosecution.

The first suspension, lasting 45 minutes, occurred after one of the accused Mr. Mohammad Loubani, arrested for the possession of a pamphlet of the illegal *Ila Al Amam* (Forward) Organisation, attempted to make a political speech denouncing Morocco's annexation of the former Spanish Sahara.

The trial resumed with the cross-examination of alleged Marxist ring-leader Abraham Serfati. The Tension mounted quickly when

the prosecution disclosed drugs had been discovered on a relative of one of the accused.

The hearing was again suspended for half-an-hour after the prosecution asked for the court to be evacuated to allow each accused to be interrogated in camera.

The court over-ruled objections by the defence and ordered court cleared but the process had to be suspended for a time when the defendants refused to answer questions separately.

Thirteen accused were brought in but they also refused to testify, stating only that they would continue their hunger strike launched on Monday in protest against the conditions of the detention and trial.

Iraq, Japan discuss \$1 billion yen loan

TOKYO, Jan. 19 (R). — Iraqi Vice President Taha Muhiuddin Maarouf arrived here today for a five-day official visit to discuss economic and technical cooperation, including a possible \$1 billion yen credit.

Mr. Maarouf is also expected to discuss trade, cultural exchanges and the Middle East situation during his visit.

Japan has already committed

\$1 billion worth of credit under a 1974 agreement.

The \$1 billion yen credit is expected to be finalised by an exchange of documents between the parties.

Foreign Ministry officials the signing on the financial comprising \$250 million in loans and \$750 million in payment facilities, would place next Friday.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

USAKA, Jan. 19 (R). — The price of oil is expected to be the major topic at the Afro-Arab cooperation committee meeting opening here tomorrow, informed sources said today. Observers noted that President Kenneth Kaunda said this month that Zambia's economy had been adversely affected by high oil prices.

PARIS, Jan. 19 (AFP). — The 81 French members of the European Parliament will be elected from nation-wide party lists on a proportional representation basis, it was announced here today. Under the proportional system, the number of seats won by each party is in proportion to its total votes in the balloting by the electorate. A bill calling for direct election by universal suffrage by the European Parliament, which the French Constitutional Council has already approved, is expected to be submitted to the National Assembly at the start of the spring session in April.

ROME, Jan. 19 (AFP). — Italy and Israel yesterday signed a new protocol for 1977-1978 on nuclear cooperation at the headquarters of Italy's National Committee for Nuclear Energy (CNEN), here. The basic Italo-Israeli agreement on nuclear cooperation for peaceful purposes was signed in 1972 between CNEN and the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission. The cooperation chiefly applies to general nuclear research, to the use of nuclear energy in agriculture, to security and control of nuclear stations and to control of radio-activity levels in the atmosphere.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19 (AFP). — Some 250 Arab students at Tel Aviv University demonstrated yesterday, demanding "democratic freedom". In particular they are seeking use of campus halls to hold political meetings.

RAWALPINDI, Jan. 19 (AFP). — Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto will be elected unopposed to the National Assembly for which general elections are scheduled to be held on March 7 next. Official reports said he was the sole candidate to file nomination papers from a National Assembly constituency in Larkana, his home town. Candidates today filed nomination papers all over the country for elections to the 216-member National Assembly.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 19 (AFP). — An earthquake of moderate intensity which rocked parts of west-central China today at 00:50 GMT was recorded by seismographs here, it was announced.

NIAMEY, Niger, Jan. 19 (AFP). — The armed invasion of the west African state of Benin, launched Sunday, has been "totally crushed", Benin President Mathieu Kerekou announced today. In half-hour speech to the nation broadcast over Cotonou Radio and monitored in this neighbouring state, President Kerekou said the invasion was carried out by a "horde of mercenaries who flew into the country with the intention of making a "lightning occupation" of Cotonou, Benin's commercial centre.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

There was a sharp reversal in early gains on the stock exchange Wednesday following strong denials from government sources of rumours that some relaxation in dividend restraint is planned for the spring budget.

Leading industrials were up to 13p higher at one time before profit-taking developed and Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI), Bats and Courtaulds finally dipped just below overnight levels. The Financial Times industrial shares index was up 0.5 at 381.8, after an early rise of nearly six points.

Gilts were subdued in front of Thursday's biggest ever "tap stock" offering and registered losses of between an eighth and a quarter of a point (12.5 to 25p).

Oils were sluggish with British Petroleum down. Buildings were still active, moving sharply firmer. Foods were also in demand as were stores. Banks showed minor gains, although Hong Kong Shanghai was a dull counter. Elsewhere, electricals gained with Decca ahead on vague takeover rumours.

Gold was slightly easier along with the bullion price, but Rio Tinto was a firm market and De Beers moved up too, but tins were quieter. The announced merger plans between Anglo-American and Rand Mines were expected, but the shares remain suspended. Plantations were quiet, while on the Japanese list Honda was fractionally easier.

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